

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract as originally submitted in its entirety with the following
Abstract:

A method of isolating embryonic or fetal red blood cells from a sample containing maternal blood cells and embryonic or fetal red blood cells or both, includes determining which cell or cells contain or express an adult liver component that is a cell surface exposed component, wherein the adult liver component is not transferrin receptor. The sample is first contacted with a reagent that specifically binds the adult liver component, allowing the reagent to bind to the adult liver component, allowing the embryonic or fetal red blood cells to be isolated by virtue of being bound to the reagent.